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Professor Edward L. Tatum
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Dear Professor Tatum:

I am writing to record my approval of the understandings regarding the University's support of the program in microbiology which have resulted from your recent discussions with the Provost.

The Chairman of the Department of Botany will be authorized to include in his budget each year an item of \$10,000 to be earmarked for expenditure in connection with research projects developed by yourself and your associates in the general field of microbiology. Some part of these funds will be made available during the present academic year. The University reserves the right to apply to outside sources for grants of funds to finance these projects in whole or in part, and will regard any funds thus secured as an offset against the University's commitment.

Steps will be taken to provide at University expense additional space for the research activities of your group within the Osborn Botanical Laboratory. The University will provide the funds needed to put the fourth floor of the building in shape, as well as the funds required to make the space vacated on the first floor effective for laboratory purposes.

Approval will be given to two additional appointments of assistant professor rank when appropriate recommendations are made. It is expected that these recommendations will be so spaced that one appointment will be made in the year 1946-47 and the other in the following year.

The commitments stated above reflect the University's cordial approval of the program in microbiology and its desire to support this work not only in the ways indicated but in other ways as opportunities are presented and funds are available.

Faithfully yours,

Charles Symon